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REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendments to the Claims set forth above. The Advisory Action indicates that the previous Amendment (submitted March 22, 2005) was not entered, but that Claims 1, 6-26, 55-68 and 72-75 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims.

Accordingly, the Amendment to the Claims set forth above cancels Claims 2-5, 27-50, 69-71 and 76-80 (withdrawn Claims 51-54 were canceled previously in the Amendment submitted December 2, 2003). In addition, Claims 1, 6, 9, 14, 15, 17, and 20 have been amended in accordance with the non-entered previous Amendment. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 2, which the Office had previously indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and dependent Claims 6, 9, 14, 15, 17, and 20 have been amended to make them dependent on Claim 1 instead of canceled Claim 2.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional and/or continuation applications containing claims directed to all or part of the subject matter of any claims amended, withdrawn, or canceled at any time during the prosecution of this application, and thus unclaimed subject matter is not dedicated to the public.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office indicates that the terminal disclaimer (submitted March 22, 2005) has been accepted and that Claims 1, 6-26, 55-68 and 72-75 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the Amendments to the Claims set forth above constitute such an amendment. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 6-26, 55-68 and 72-75 are in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statements (IDS's)

Applicants acknowledge receipt of initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms submitted to the Office with the IDS submissions mailed May 6, 2003; September 10, 2004; and April 7, 2004.

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Applicants respectfully request initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms submitted to the Office with the IDS submissions mailed August 19, 2003 (received by the Office August 22, 2003) and January 26, 2005 (received by the Office January 31, 2005).

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, early notification of which would be appreciated. The Office is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below with any questions regarding this application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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